

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 23 with the following:

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**Figure 1.** Amino acid alignment of CNG2B (SEQ ID NO:1) with rat OCNC2 (SEQ ID NO:16). Identical residues are shaded and numbers at the left margin indicate amino acid position.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 25 with the following:

**--Figure 2.** Complete CNG2B sequence derived from assembly of PCR fragments (SEQ ID NO:2).--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 27 with the following:

**--Figure 3.** Complete CNG2B coding nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:3).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 28 with the following:

**--Figure 4.** Complete CNG2B amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO1).--

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Please cancel the present informal "SEQUENCE LISTING", pages 64-67, and insert therefor the accompanying paper copy of the Sequence Listing, page numbers 1 to 8, at the end of the application. Cancel the page numbers of the Claims and Abstract and renumber as pages 64 through 69, accordingly.